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In re the Patent **Divisional** Application of COLLINS, Harry J.

Serial No.: Unassigned

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Title: LIGHT GAUGE METAL TRUSS SYSTEM AND METHOD

Mail Stop Patent Application

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a

☐ Continuation
patent application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b),

☒ Divisional

of pending prior application Serial No. 09/856,531 filed on May 29, 2001 "Light Gauge Metal Truss System and Method."

Enclosed is a copy of the prior application as originally filed. The undersigned hereby declares that the enclosed application is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed, that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

The enclosed true copy of the prior application as originally filed includes:

[X] Cover Sheet, Abstract and Thirty-nine (39) pages of specification, Claims 1-71.

[X] Twelve (12) sheets of formal drawings showing Figures 1-11.

The filing fee is calculated below:

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[X] A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

[X] The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to Mark C. Comtois, Reg. No. 46,285; L. Lawton Rogers, III, Reg. No. 24,302; D. Joseph English, Reg. No. 42,514; and Patrick D. McPherson, Reg. No. 46,255 at 1667 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20006.

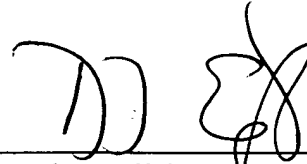
a. The power appears in the original papers of the prior application.

[X] The last Office Action in prior application Serial No. 09/856,531 is dated February 6, 2003.

If a Petition for an Extension of Time in the application filed herewith or in the prior application is necessary for the paper transmitted herewith to be timely filed, this request is to be considered as a petition to the extend the response period by the amount of time needed for the papers to be timely filed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1679. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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